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When in need of job work give The News a chance to show what it can do in that line.

**IS IT RIGHT TO CONCEAL THE TRUTH?**

SEVERAL weeks ago THE NEWS called attention to the fact that small-pox had made its appearance in Polk county. Later when it was found that quarantine orders had not been obeyed, this newspaper again sounded a note of warning and urged that prompt and stringent measures be taken to stamp out the disease, but with no avail, and the result is now apparent. The disease has spread and is epidemic all over the county. In many places whole houses are quarantined and business interests are seriously affected. Polk county has received a blow from which it will not soon recover.

This newspaper does not agree with many of its contemporaries and several people in the county regarding the publication of the presence of small-pox in a community for fear of hurting the business interests or reputation as a health resort.

The newspapers as a rule suppress the presence of small-pox in their locality, but there is no concealing the fact that small-pox is epidemic all over the country. We believe this is indirectly due to the fact that the newspapers have not brought the matter to the attention of the people and aroused them to a realization of the true state of affairs and urged and pleaded for a general vaccination (compulsory if necessary) wherever the disease made its appearance, as well as for strict quarantine regulations, in order to successfully stamp it out.

Physicians say that the disease is spreading at an alarming rate and that general vaccination is the only means of stopping the ravages of this disease. This we believe can only be done by the newspapers arousing the people to a realization of the true state of affairs and urging prompt legal and medical measures for relief.

Our delinquent subscribers always see something attractive on the opposite side of the street when they pass The News office.

NEXT Monday, being the first Monday in March, is Commissioners' Day. A number of our readers will be in town and we sincerely hope all in arrears will call at THE NEWS office and pay up.

**THE PRESENT SITUATION IN POLK COUNTY.**

THE condition of affairs in Polk county during the past week, which has caused the citizens of this place no end of worry and inconvenience through hindrance to business and the expense incurred by quarantining, should not pass without punishment being meted out to those who are directly responsible for the spreading of the horrible disease which is now prevalent throughout the county.

We refer to the much dreaded small-pox, which has recently made its appearance here, and the responsibility for which can, in some instances, be laid to a few who, at first tried to conceal the disease and then in a vain effort to avoid suspicion, thrust the infected person upon the public and despite the assertions of skilled physicians to the contrary, persisted in calling the disease chicken-pox and allowed the infected person to attend school and roam about at liberty, evidently desiring to pass the disease around.

In one instance, after the county physician had established a quarantine, the persons so restrained from their liberty, persisted in displaying their ignorance and lawlessness by pulling down the red flag and the poster which it is customary to put on houses infected with small-pox as a signal warning people against admittance. These are by no means light offences and should be dealt with seriously.

In view of the fact that physicians who know claim a malignant case of small-pox can be contracted from a very mild one, no member of any family quarantined with this terrible disease, no matter how light the form, should be permitted to care for the post-office or handle the mails. These duties ought to be transferred to some other person at least so long as the disease exists in the family. Such carelessness is dangerous, liable to spread the disease and not at all consistent with quarantine regulations. These matters ought to receive the attention at once of those who have the power to act in such cases.

People who have not sense enough to call a physician or to confine a person infected with any eruptive or contagious disease ought to be taken in charge by the proper authorities and taught that a few ignoramuses cannot endanger the health and lives of the inhabitants to the ravages of a disease that has proved more deadly than any band of criminals ever known in this or any other country, without receiving punishment to the full limit of the law.

Note how steadily our columns are being filled with ads. This proves that an ad in The News pays. If you doubt it, try it, the cost is small.

**A SAD DEATH.**

Although not unexpected, the death in Tryon, on Monday of Mrs. Mary Ballenger Dozier was a great blow to her relatives and friends. Cut down, as she was, in the spring time of life, with scarcely more than two months of wedded life passed. It is indeed a sad duty for the sorrowing young husband to perform, when thus called upon to bow to the omnipotent will of the all wise Creator and consign to the earth all that is mortal of his young bride.

Mrs. Mary Ballenger Dozier was the eldest daughter of Senator and Mrs. T. T. Ballenger, of Tryon, and was about twenty-four years old. She had been in poor health for some months but at the time of her marriage, Dec. 17th, 1902, seemed to be in good health and gave promise of entire recovery. Shortly after reaching her new home in Tampa, Fla., she was again taken sick and brought to her former home in Tryon, where she died.

The funeral services were held at 3 p. m. in the presence of a large number of friends and the interment took place in Tryon cemetery. The sympathy of THE NEWS goes out to the stricken young husband, Thos. H. Dozier and the devoted parents, brothers and sister in their hour of bereavement.

If you don't read all the advertisements in this issue, you don't get all the news.

**WYANDOTTES!**

A few White Wyandotte Cockerels for sale. It will pay you to get one of these males even if you have only mongrels to mate with. They are beauties and will not last long. Speak quick if you want one.

**John Carnegie,**  
COLUMBUS, N. C.



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**Tryon Supply Co.,**  
TRYON N. C.

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**Miss May E. McClanahan, Prin.,**  
COLUMBUS, N. C.

**TAX NOTICE.**

**All Who Owe Taxes and Desire to Save Cost Must**

**Meet Me and Settle Their Taxes in Full at**

J. M. Putnam's, Tuesday, March 3rd, 1903.  
E. E. Harrison's, Wednesday, March 4th, 1903.  
Pearidge, Thursday, March 5th, 1903.  
Mill Spring, Friday, March 6th, 1903.  
Lynch Whitesides, Tuesday, March 10th, 1903.  
Pink Williams, Wednesday, March 11th, 1903.  
Tryon Mayor's Office, Saturday, March 14th, 1903.  
Taxes received at Saluda any day except Sunday.  
Respectfully,

**W. C. ROBERTSON,**  
SHERIFF.

Columbus, N. C. February 13th, 1903.